

many more have gone unreported. What is often not discussed is the issue of treatment and counseling for the victims of these offenses. The current law does not provide medical and counseling services for victims of these abuses. The Veterans Sexual Trauma Treatment Act would permanently authorize sexual trauma and treatment for active military personnel, reservists and national guard personnel. My bill would also require the VA to report to Congress regarding the use of sexual trauma programs and their collaborative efforts with the Department of Defense to educate and inform our armed forces personnel about sexual trauma programs at VA facilities.

Mr. Speaker, a greater number of women are entering the military each year. These services are needed. I am hopeful that my colleagues will join me by supporting this bill. I look forward to working with them to provide all veterans with the health care they have earned and deserve.

A TRIBUTE TO ALEXANDER FRIEDMAN

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 13, 1999

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to salute a resident of New York who currently serves our country as a White House Fellow—Alexander Friedman.

Mr. Friedman is one of just 17 individuals nationwide to receive the White House Fellowship this year. Established in 1965, the fellowship allows outstanding citizens to participate in a once-in-a-lifetime experience by working hand-in-hand with leaders in government. Applicants are chosen based on demonstration of excellence in community service, academic achievement, leadership and professional experience. It is the nation's most prestigious fellowship for public service and leadership development.

Alexander Friedman co-founded Adventa.com, an Internet firm that provides business-to-business marketing information. He also founded Accelerated Clinical, a biotechnology service company dedicated to accelerating the clinical trial process for biotechnology firms. He earned his BA in politics from Princeton University and a JD/MBA from Columbia University. Mr. Friedman is also a founder of the 21st Century Roundtable, his generation's first civic venture-capital non-profit group. The organization pairs young leaders of non-profits with young professionals who can provide advice, services and financing. He has maintained his commitment to civic duties by founding Climb for the Cure, a national student effort that raised \$1 million for AIDS research through a climb of Alaska's Mt. McKinley, and also by serving as a small-claims court and family mediator in Harlem and the South Bronx. His tireless efforts on behalf of the people of New York have earned him the honor of becoming a recipient of such a competitive fellowship.

As a White House Fellow, Mr. Friedman has been assigned to the Department of Defense. In this capacity, he serves as acting policy co-

ordinator for the Cooperative Threat Reduction Office in the weapons protection, security and accounting effort, which is charged with protecting nuclear warheads in the former Soviet Union. He also analyzes and organizes the Department's and U.S. government's inter-agency assets to best respond to threats from Weapons of Mass Destruction. Further, Mr. Friedman created a prototype for the first Military-Business Leadership Fellowship and undertook a Marine Corps-wide analysis of organizational mission and implementation procedures.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Alexander Friedman on the floor of the House of Representatives for his accomplishments and for being chosen to participate in the White House Fellowship Program. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Alexander Friedman many more years of success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOB RILEY

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 13, 1999

Mr. RILEY. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained for the vote on final passage of H.R. 755 (rollcall 128). Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

A TRIBUTE TO FLORENCE WHITE

HON. DAVID D. PHELPS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 13, 1999

Mr. PHELPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an outstanding citizen of Illinois' 19th District; Flora White. I would like to recognize Florence White for her years of dedicated service in the Macon County Schools, as well as her everlasting interest and hard work in preserving the history of Macon County.

Florence has very deep roots in Macon County. She is a direct descendent of William Warnick, who was the first sheriff of Macon County. Her great-grandfather, William Austin, helped plot the city of Decatur.

It is clear why Florence has been honored for this important recognition. She started her teaching career in 1924, presiding over several one-room schools in Macon County. In 1955, she was appointed assistant superintendent in charge of elementary education in the Lakeview unit district. She subsequently became principal in the Brush College #2 School and Spence School. She frequently taught in the Macon County Historical Society's Salem one-room schoolhouse in the Society's Prairie Village. Florence is the author of "Rural Schools of Macon County" and "Memorial Windows." She has received numerous awards from Decatur philanthropic organizations. Florence received her masters degree from Millikin University.

Florence's life has been dedicated to the achievement of excellence in education and the preservation of the history and heritage of

Macon County. For these reasons, I ask my colleagues to please join me in acknowledging a great American and Illinoisan, Mrs. Florence White.

HONORING WEST POINT CADET ALISON JONES

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 13, 1999

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I want to take this opportunity to honor the heroism of West Point Cadet 1st Class Alison M. Jones.

I was present at a recent dress parade at West Point when Cadet Jones was awarded the Soldier's Medal, the Army's highest peacetime award for bravery. According to the award citation, Cadet Jones was awarded the medal for "heroism above and beyond the call of duty following the terrorist bombing of the United States Embassy in Nairobi, Kenya, on 7 August 1998."

Cadet Jones was spending the summer interning in Kenya just a few blocks away from the embassy. Despite being nearly knocked down by the explosion, she rushed to the American Embassy and entered, searching for survivors and helping recover human remains. On her own initiative, she then "established a check point to control entry into the embassy and facilitate the restoration of security and the organization of rescue efforts."

In her search for victims, Cadet Jones discovered a Kenyan man whose leg had been crushed as a result of the explosion. She used pieces of a ceiling beam to make a splint for him and kept him calm so he would not pass out.

Cadet Jones is the first female West Point cadet to be awarded the Soldier's Medal, which was established in 1922 by the War Department to recognize acts of bravery committed during peacetime. While several West Point cadets have received the award, Ms. Jones is the first since 1992. The Soldier's Medal is amongst the highest honors that can be bestowed upon an individual, as the level of bravery the medal honors is equal to that needed to win the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Cadet Jones, 21, is a native of Baltimore, Maryland. Upon graduation, she plans to join the widely-deployed military police. This will allow her even more opportunities to exhibit her courage.

On May 29, 1999, West Point will graduate its final class of the 20th century. The sort of bravery exemplified by Cadet Jones is precisely what West Point training promotes. Actions such as those taken by Cadet Jones will enable our military forces to maintain their strong posture well into the next century.

While Cadet Jones' modesty may lead one to believe that her life-saving efforts were not unusual, it is obvious that such heroism is indeed extraordinary. Her leadership is to be honored and commended, not just through the presentation of the Soldier's Medal, but by a recognition of her efforts by all my colleagues today.